

WRITING ASSESSMENT

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The best gift that I ever received would probably be a book. I always enjoy a good piece of literature, and almost every Christmas I ask for something. This year, for example, I asked for The Giver, The Red Badge of Courage, and a new bible. I enjoy sitting with the books and reading them at night. Over the years I have accumulated quite a collection and always, I enjoy reading, and rereading the books.

I just recently finished reading The Giver, which I found very well written. It tells of a boy about my age growing up in a future community. The details in the book make it entrancing, and the overall message is extremely powerful. I haven't yet started reading The Red Badge of Courage but it looks to be an excellent piece. As I said, I also received a bible. I began reading a few chapters a day just a week ago. Obviously, some of the subject matter is over my head, but I'm getting a lot out of it so far.

A book is the best gift I could receive, because they change the way you look at things. A good fantasy book won't just take you to far off places, it will move you emotionally. Books of a higher level improve vocabulary, and reading comprehension. A novel by a good author will always have a major impact on me as a person. A game of football or a show on T.V. never

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leave you any different than you were before, but after I read something, I always seem to act differently.

A book can go anywhere with you and take you anywhere with it. I relate very well with the characters of pieces of literature. Some are heroes, and others just normal people. Books indulge me into a new world. In the world of literature, one can go anywhere, and do anything. I don't get that kind of satisfaction from a video game. Every page, to me is a new chance for adventure, or mystery.

Overall, all of my books that I have received as gifts for different occasions have accumulated to be my greatest collection. The literature that I read becomes a major part of me. I look forward to reading more works by different authors. In conclusion, I think books that I read have made me a better, more rounded person. Every book that I read adds more to me or a different part to my personality.

Score Point: 6

This response reflects an outstanding degree of proficiency in expository writing skills. The introduction explains that the writer's favorite gifts are books. Three reasons surrounding the writer's enjoyment of books are clearly and specifically developed (books are my greatest collection, they change the way you look at things, and a book can take you anywhere). The writer compares the benefits of reading to those of other activities. Syntactic variety and facility in the use of language are evident throughout the response. The response is well organized and unified.